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SUBJ: REMOVAL OF IRAQ (IZ) FROM THE SIV CATEGORY II NON-ENTRANT

VESSEL LIST.

- A. WHITE HOUSE LETTER DATED 16 FEB 2006.
- 1. THE PRESIDENT HAS ELIMINATED VESSELS FLYING THE FLAG, OR UNDER

THE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ (IZ) FROM THE CATEGORY II NON-ENTRANT LIST, ANNEX A OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION

DIRECTIVE 40 (PDD-40). ANNEX A LISTS THE COUNTRIES WHOSE VESSELS

ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO ENTER U.S. PORTS.

2. NON-ENTRANT COUNTRIES IN ANNEX A REMAIN: CUBA (CU), IRAN (IR),

LIBYA (LY), NORTH KOREA (KN), SUDAN (SU), AND SYRIA (SY).

3. POINTS OF CONTACT: PURSUANT TO THE COAST GUARD HEADOUARTERS

REORGANIZATION, PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OF THE SPECIAL INTEREST VESSEL

(SIV) PROGRAM HAS SHIFTED TO THE OFFICE OF VESSEL ACTIVITIES (P-

PCV), FOREIGN AND OFFSHORE VESSEL DIVISION (G-PCV-2). ANY QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO CDR PAUL THORNE, G-PCV-2, AT 202 267-0972 OR SENIOR CHIEF MATHESON AT 202 267-0480.

- 4. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.
- 5. RELEASED BY RDML CRAIG BONE, G-PC. BT

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